

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR OCTOBER, 2019

From Our District Governor

Thanks for All You Do!

By Jim Squere

Dennis and I have been enjoying the whirlwind that is part of being your District Governor. The work you are doing in our communities and the world is amazing, and this newsletter offers a good taste of that which is happening throughout the district.

In the last few weeks, our first Pado New Englanders were highlighted in the Health Symposium organized and hosted by the **RI of Emory-Citizens**, supported by a great tournament hosted by **Lake Spawkey/Citizens County** as well as a great night of followup at the Atlanta Braves game - where the Braves lost but Rotary won - with a \$2500 contribution from the Braves toward ending polio that multiplies to \$7500 with the Gates Foundation. Several of our members were also featured in this newsletter, as was our new member, Mary Thorne.

Join Vinings Cumberland on October 25

Global Grants Making a Difference in Health for Kenyan Mothers and Infants

By Wally Horstacher

In 2015, the [Rotary Club of Vinings Cumberland](#) embarked upon the latest in a series of Global Grants to improve health conditions for mothers and infants in rural Kenya. The latest is focused on the Elgeyo Marakwet region and seeks to assist 2500 mothers and their children. Efforts were supported by several District 6900 clubs ... [more](#)

Duwoody Hosts Free Community Informational Event About Human Trafficking
By Jackie Colburn

The **Rotary Club of Duwoody** is hosting a free, informative event addressing the issue of human trafficking on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 P.M. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia, 4355 Ashford Duwoody Road, Atlanta. Complimentary admission and onsite self parking is available. The event includes:

- A private viewing of the movie, *7 Days* telling the story of one 16-year girl's life in trafficking and how her family and community got her back.
- A candid discussion with representatives from local, state and federal law enforcement will offer facts, insight and resources to shed light on the nature and scope of the issue in our communities.

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[New Member Rotarian Maggie Davidson](#) works with [Mendocino-Coliput County Park](#) & [Recreation](#)

Who Spends the Money You Donate to the Annual Fund?

By Cheryl Greenway

Answers to your other questions:

Q: Captain Sam Mission, one of this year's TSP Global Grantees sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chicago and District 6000. See as pictured with his wife Amy

A: When you donate to the Annual Fund, half the money you donate to District 6000 three days later is used for our Rotary Clubs, Global Grants, and Global Scholarships. The rest remains for The Rotary Foundation to provide matching funds for Global Grants. No charity or other organizations can apply to your Rotary Foundations for funds. No board of trustees looks at the money and decides how to distribute it. Gifts to the Annual Fund, also known as SHARE, are the primary source of funding for a broad range of local and international grants that change lives. So what do your three days for a District Grant this year? The Rotary Club of Moline/area shares in this newsletter about its grant that helped a local elementary school. How has your club made a difference in your community through

RI Convention 2020
Join Us in Beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii
 By Rick Briswell
 Take time now to register for the 2020 Rotary International Convention. RI Convention is an amazing experience on its own - with opportunities to
 • network with Rotarians from around the world
 • learn about our local and global work to make a positive difference in people's lives
 • hear from world leaders on key ... (more)

Disaster Relief

How You Can Help the Victims of Hurricane Dorian

By Jackie Cathbert

Last month, we spotlighted an opportunity to donate money to Disaster Relief; now we are highlighting an opportunity to donate supplies for the Bahamas. The **Rotary Club of Russell** is collecting those supplies on Saturday, October 19 from 9 am to noon at the Russell United Methodist Church - in the church's corner parking lot on Mimosa Blvd. Click more for a list of the items

Let the Adventures Begin!
By Kathy Bristol

FIRST, HOW DID WE GET HERE?
My journey to becoming a Rotary Global Grant Scholar started many years ago. After graduating West Point in 2013, it was a matter of biding my time until I could take a year to complete a Master's program abroad.

GRSP Update
New Websites, Scholarship Opportunities, Columbus Weekend
By Lynn Gable
Our Vision: To develop leaders who promote understanding and peace around the world.
New GRSP Website Launched at Conclave: First Class of 2019-20 Newsletter is Out.
The new website provides a fresh new look at what it means to be involved with GRSP. Every week new content is added to the website, so please be sure to check it out at www.grsp.org. And don't miss the first newsletter created by our new class of GRSP students – outlining what they've experienced and what the GRSP website should look like.

GRSP: An Experience of a Lifetime
 By Lynn Clarke
 I had never been abroad for a long period of time before. Despite that, I did not hesitate when I, almost a year ago, found out that I had been offered the Georgia Rotary Student Program scholarship. I was not completely sure what I was expecting from my year far away from home. I was certain I was going to miss my family, but I was also sure that this would be a one in a lifetime opportunity for me. I figured I would have a great time and that I would learn a lot about myself and the world.

District Conference 2020
Jekyll Island is Waiting!
 By Laura Young
 Planning is well underway for next April's District Conference on beautiful Jekyll Island - scheduled from April 30 to May 3, join us for:
 • Thursday night - Taste of the District, featuring the hometown specialties of many of the DMO's clubs. Is there a recipe your club or town is known for? Get the recipe and send it to hjwong285@earthlink.net. We'll gather the best ones to kick off the weekend.
 • Friday night - Jimmy's Fish Camp, featuring Coastal Georgia native DG Jim's local seafood selection
 • Saturday night - Kentucky Derby celebration and welcome for 2019-21 Governor Kirk Driskell
 You can register for expense in the District 6500 website and click on the event Jekyll Island 2020 Conference bottom at the top. [more]

Chaplain's Corner

Affirming the Power of Rotary's Reach!

By Mark Barbour

Let's review. The call for all good and VIBRANT Rotarians is the call to be vigorously dedicated to **take action to create lasting change** – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.¹ So, our objective is to be **Relational**. Opportunity oriented, and yes, vibrantly Transformational! Hereby, thereby, and whereby promoting our Relational objective to connect with folks around us intentionally by using animated, articulated, and engaging conversations about who we are and what we are and why we are who we are and what we are ensuring that every acquaintance experiences our "Rotary Glow" and gains insight about our ideals of community, regional, national, and global service. [more]

Vinings Cumberland Rotary's "Run for the Kids" 5K Downhill Race

By Donna Denkes

In August the **Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club** held its 23rd annual "Run for the Kids" 5K Downhill Race. This race has become one of the most popular in the area, as it is a Peachtree Road Race qualifier, and boasts an array of "fun factor" attractions, including a 1K Kids' Race, Doggie Dash, Best Dog Costume Contest, Children's Play Area (featuring hula hoops this year), various vendors, giveaways and delicious treats (i.e. ice cream and snow cones; some healthy stuff is made available, as well - LOL!). This year's event drew a record 1600 runners and raised approximately \$100,000. Since its start in 1997, the race has raised more than \$1.1 million. [more]

RYLA
Save the Date for 2020!
By Jaclyn Donohue
RYLA 2020 is on the calendar for June 20-24, and we are already getting excited! Application materials will be updated on the website - www.ryla6900.com - and sent out to clubs by January 1. So start making plans now to sponsor a student or two. Or 10... we'll take them all! [more]

Club News

Moultrie Gives Face Lift to Local School

By Jaclyn Donovan

The Rotary Club of Moultrie recently completed a beautification project at the main entrance of Cox Elementary School. One of ten elementary schools in Colquitt County, and on the lower income scale compared to the rest, Cox Elementary had a first entrance with a less-than-desirable appearance. Since first impressions are extremely important, the faculty and staff desired a better facade for the main entrance to warmly welcome students entering the school. Six Moultrie Rotary members in Ye-hello... with help from a [Molokini 6000 crew](#), [more]

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Roswell Rotary Golf and Tennis Tournament Raises Over \$150,000 for 30 Local Charities!

By Anne Cronk

The 41st Annual Aubrey Greeway Golf Tournament and 7th Annual Hagan Cup Classic Tennis Tournament on September 9th at the Country Club of Roswell drew over 500 enthusiastic golfers, tennis players, sponsors and volunteers to raise funds for local organizations that are making a difference in our communities. (more)

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Dr. Jim Herron Recognized as a Pillar of Service and Beloved Rotarian

By Angela Smith

At one of its September weekly meetings, Rotary Club of Americas President Rene Smith recognized Dr. Jim Herron with the District Governor's Golden Jubilee Commendation, in honor of Dr. Herron's 50 years of service above self as a Rotarian. The award was given on behalf of DG Jim Squire and District 6900 – to an individual who has remained active in Rotary even in his golden years of retirement.

DG Jim and his wife Donna recognized two long-serve American Rotarians at his social visit to the club. The second – Braden Willoughby, has been a Rotarian for nearly 65 years (now honorary). [more]

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Lake Spivey/Clayton County Golf Tournament Supports Ending Polio

By Ron Swafford

In September, the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** held a Polio Awareness Golf Tournament at the Lake Spivey Golf Club in Jacksonville. Seventeen golf teams and dozens of sponsors and volunteers came forward to support the event. The tournament has been one of the club's annual events for several years - designed to raise funds to support service projects in our community. This year, however, the club chose to focus on District 6900 and Rotary International efforts to eradicate polio - an initiative started almost 40 years ago by Rotary International. [more]

[H2C Mark Barber, Marjorie Williams, President Elect Mary Anisley Southard, Abbott Hall and Jeff Cooper cast lots](#)

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Marietta Reads!
 By Dale Corington
 The **Rotary Club of Marietta** joined in the mid September **Marietta Reads!** kick off for the 2019-20 school year. This Marietta City Schools citywide effort is celebrating its 17th anniversary. Fostering reading and literacy in the community. The kick-off celebration offered a variety of literacy activities including school performances, free books, literacy based activities, balloon art, face painting, a mascot dance-off, and guest appearances. The Rotary Club supports the program all year round. Rotarian Don Barber is coordinating with all the elementary schools in Cobb County where Marietta Rotarians will begin reading this fall to approximately 800 second graders. [more]

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Rotary Reads in Cuthbert, Georgia

By Heather Molton

The **Cuthbert Rotary Club** had its first Rotary Reads at Randolph County Elementary School!!!! It was such a blessing to read to the kids!!! They were great!!!

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Rotary and Rotaract Join Forces to Support Atlanta Race
By Hadil Maarouf
The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro** and the **Rotaract Club of Atlanta** collaborated with the Adult Disability Medical Healthcare (ADMHC) in the run that they held this September. This run helps adults with disabilities and took place at the Dunwoody campus of the Georgia State University. It was a phenomenal day filled... [more]

Upcoming Key Dates